CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT

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PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT ON THE AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK FOR THE 1995 SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT

(adopted at the 695th plenary meeting on 3 February 1995)

1. There is an understanding in the Conference that, at the outset of its 1995 session, the Conference decides to adopt as its agenda for 1995 the agenda of its 1994 session, pending consideration of the Report, and without prejudice to its outcome, of the Special Coordinator on the review of the agenda to be appointed by the Conference:

1. Nuclear test ban.

2. Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament.

3. Prevention of nuclear war, including all related matters.

4. Prevention of an arms race in outer space.

5. Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons.

6. New types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons; radiological weapons.

7. Comprehensive programme of disarmament.

8. Transparency in armaments.

9. Consideration and adoption of the annual report and any other report, as appropriate, to the General Assembly of the United Nations.

2. The Conference agrees, without prejudice to any future decisions on the organizational framework of other items, to begin its work immediately on "Nuclear test ban". For this purpose, the Conference reestablishes the Ad Hoc Committee on a Nuclear Test Ban with its 1994 mandate (CD/1238). The Conference will consider the possibility of reestablishing as soon as possible the Ad Hoc Committees on "Prevention of an arms race in outer space", "Effective

international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons" and "Transparency in armaments" as well as any other Ad Hoc Committees which may be agreed on following further consultations.

3. The Conference also decides, in the framework of agenda item 2 entitled "Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament", to continue consultations on a mandate for an Ad Hoc Committee on the "Prohibition of the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices" with a view to its establishment as early as possible. Depending on the outcome of Ambassador Shannon's consultations, the situation will be reviewed and the advisability of appointing a Special Coordinator will be considered.

4. The Conference also recalls its decision to itensify its consultations on its improved and effective functioning, including its decision to carry out consultations on the issues of its membership and agenda. For this purpose, I confirm that I shall appoint a Special Coordinator to conduct consultations on the issue of membership, taking into full account General Assembly resolution 49/77 B, and a Special Coordinator on the review of the agenda as mentioned in paragraph 1 above.